

### REMARKS

Claims 30-45 are currently pending.

Applicant's attorney acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 30-40 and 45.

According to the Examiner's suggestion, claims 41-44 have been amended to specify the appropriate SEQ ID NO. No new matter has been added.

#### *Rejection of Claims 41-44 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph*

Claims 41-44 are rejected "as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." In particular, the Examiner states that "[c]laims 41-44 are vague and indefinite because of the language 'at nucleotide 937 of the gene encoding canine von Willebrand Factor.' It cannot be determined what is encompassed by the gene encoding canine von Willebrand Factor other than SEQ ID NO:1."

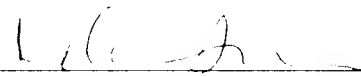
Claims 41-44 have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to insert the appropriate SEQ ID NO. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all the claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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